

I am very concerned about BellSouth's petition to stop regulation of broadband service. Although BellSouth does not serve California, Verizon and Qwest are following their lead and SBC can't be far behind. The risk of higher prices to consumers because of the lack of competition disturbs me but even more important to me is the ability to maintain my relationship with my independent ISP, Sonic.net. I have greatly appreciated the excellent service and generous patience this small company has provided. I want to have the option to stay with them. I hope you will allow healthy competition in this market. Please don't allow the independent ISP's to be squashed by these mega-corporations. Thank you for the opportunity to address this issue. Michelle Porter